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Attention Editors: Photos of the top four winning teams from the below-mentioned contest can be found at: <http://www.eiu.edu/~eiuchem/HScontest/results.html>

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For Immediate Release:

EIU HOSTS ANNUAL MAURICE D. SHEPHERD HIGH SCHOOL CHEMISTRY CONTEST

CHARLESTON – More than 75 students from 14 area high schools participated in Eastern Illinois University's 31st annual Maurice Shepherd High School Chemistry Contest.

Students participated in a 60-minute written examination (50 questions), followed by a dinner break and talk on "New Developments in Nanotechnology" by Kraig Wheeler of Eastern's chemistry department. The top six teams and the top six individuals were then recognized and awards presented. A traveling trophy was presented to the first-place team, and plaques were awarded to the top students.

The six schools having the highest team averages were:

- ★ First Place: **Neoga** – Abbie Long, Alisha Sudkamp, Wesly Letizia, Kevin Ludwid (alternate) and Leanne Evans (teacher);
- ★ Second Place: **Mattoon** – Scott Navel, Nick Heller, Korey Adkins, Annie Hickey, John Bruehler, Valerie Saunders, Kyle Lowry (alternate), Missy Akins (alternate) and James Sparks (teacher);
- ★ Third Place: **St. Teresa (Decatur)** – Hyun Yoon, Melissa Case, Mary Kate Kenny, Reginal McCormack, Chip Thompson, Kaitlyn Hill (alternate), Lauren Hise (alternate) and Barbara Gottemoller (teacher);
- ★ Fourth Place: **Palestine** – Ashlie Friedrich, Brittany Gowen, Garrett Rich and Diane Woolverton (teacher);
- ★ Fifth Place: **Robinson** – Karlos Tirado-Grundving, Lucinda Morris, Marsha Wright and Laurie Vaughn (teacher);
- ★ Sixth Place: **Champaign Centennial** – Charlie Yang, James Liu, Patty Ronk, Auriel Hsieh, Daniel Walls, Islam Sharabash, John Lee, Young Lee, Rachel Scopel, Kaleb Wachala, Claire Melby (alternate), Terry Koker (teacher) and Matt Williams (teacher).

The six highest ranking individual students, in order, were: Charlie Yang (**Champaign Centennial**), first; Hyun Yoon (**St. Teresa**), second; Abby Long (**Neoga**), third; Alisha Sudkamp (**Neoga**), fourth; James Liu (**Champaign Centennial**), fifth; and Kyle Lowry (**Mattoon**), sixth.